



CHITIMACHA MEMBER SURVEY

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Overview

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the survey was to identify and address the current issues, preserve the past and ensure our future with member input.

POPULATION & RESPONSE: ~140 responses from 677 eligible members or a 20% response rate.

CONFIDENCE: Confidence level of 95% with an interval of 5.3%

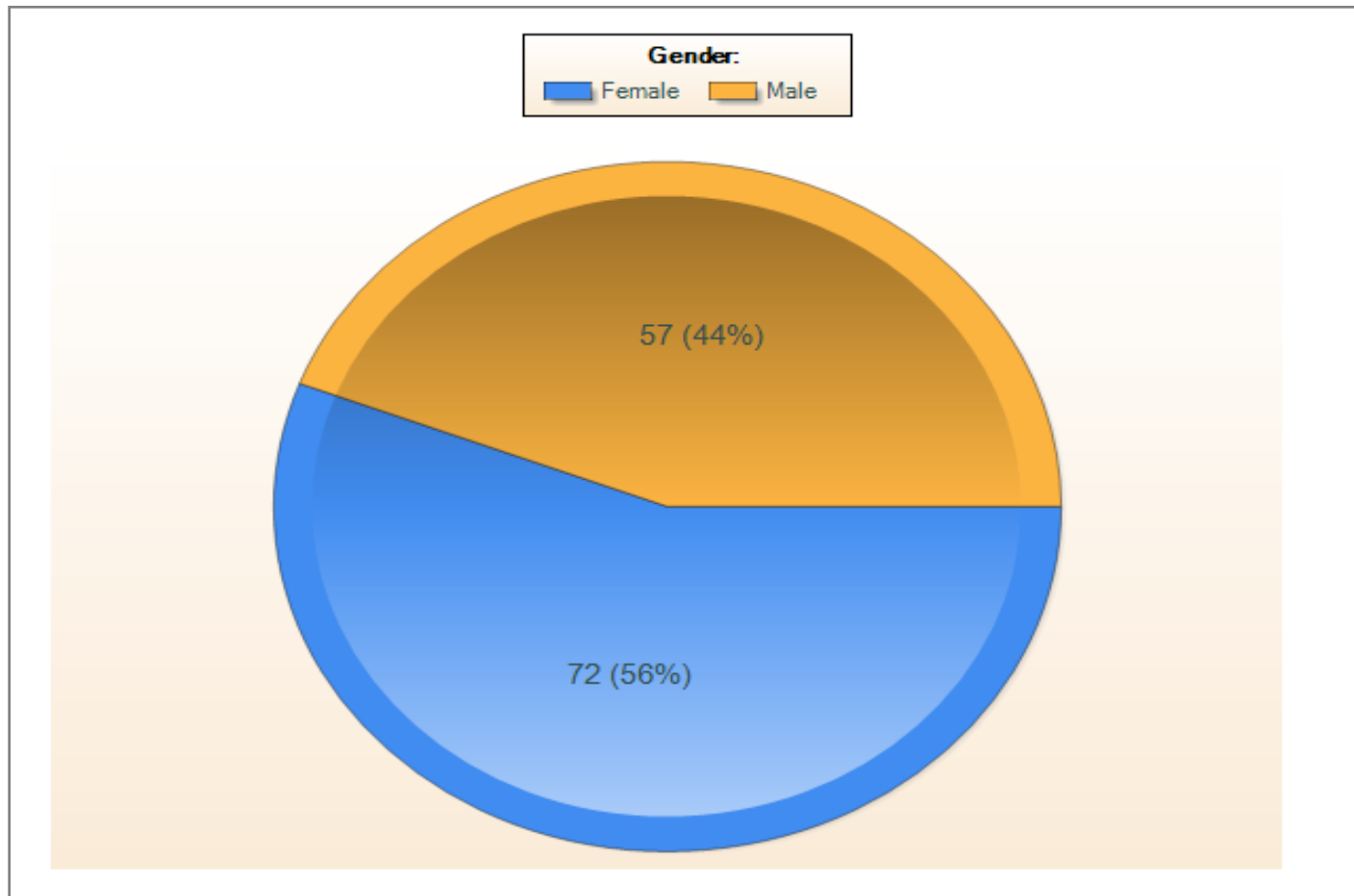
We have representative data. The sample speaks for the population 95% of the time.



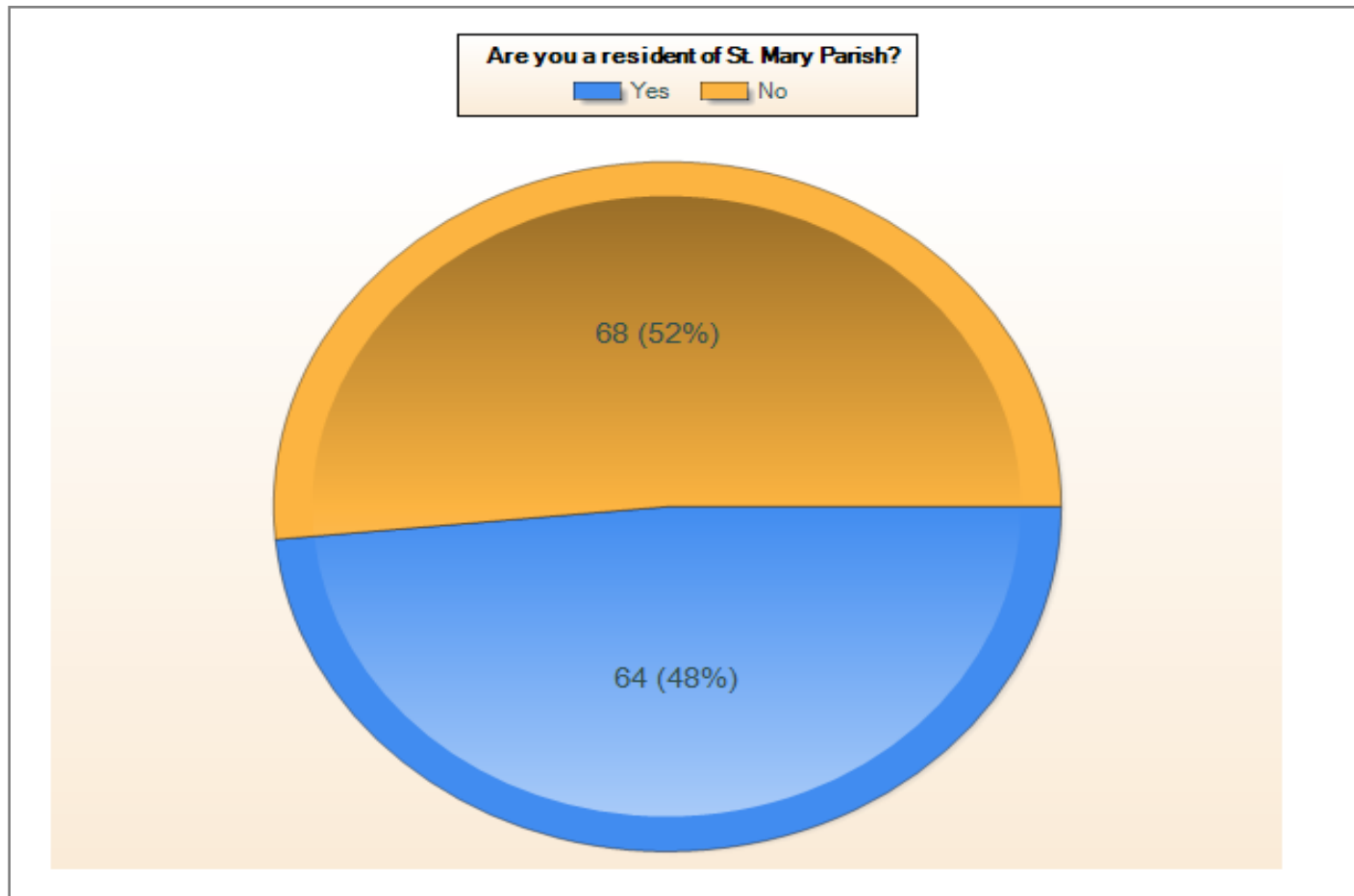


Demographics

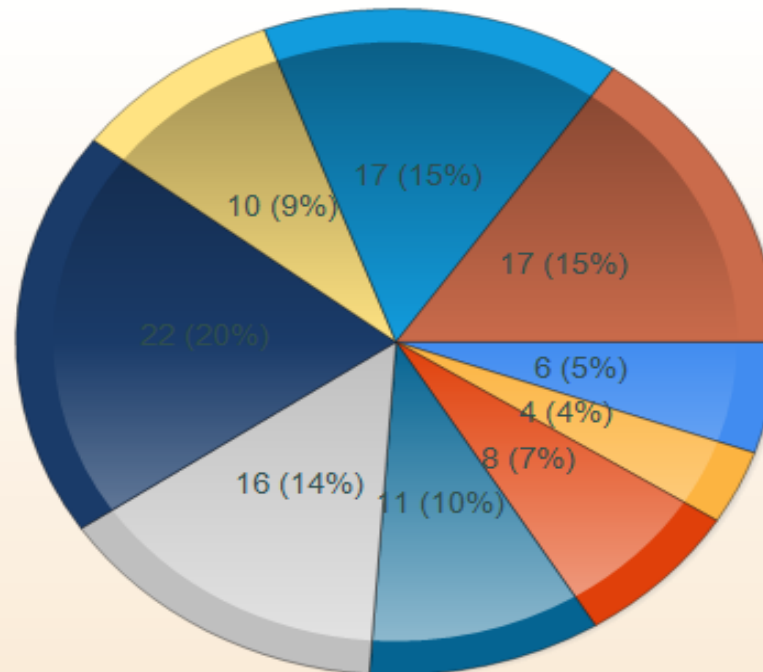
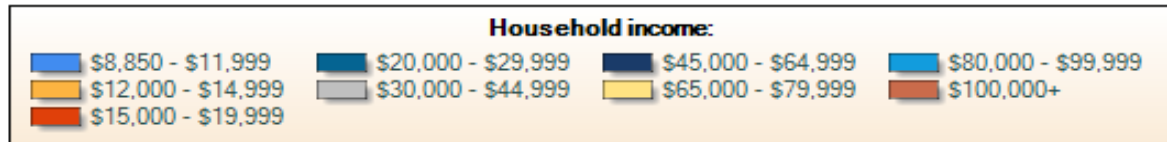
Gender Breakdown



Residence of Respondents



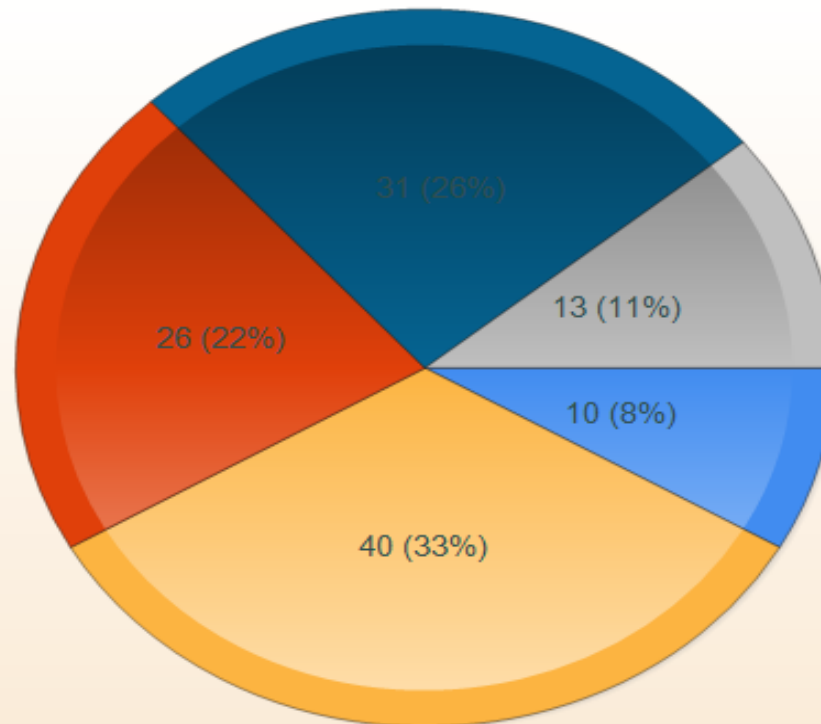
Household Income



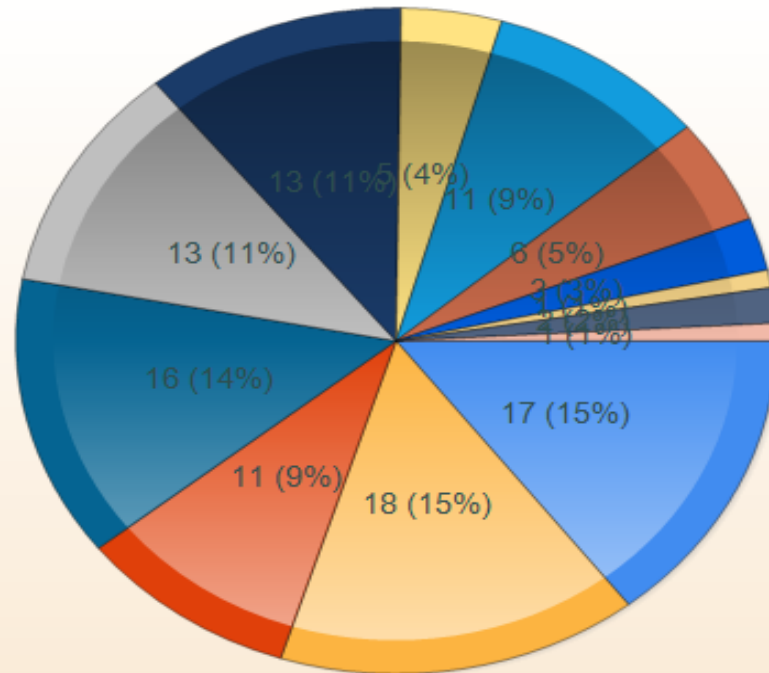
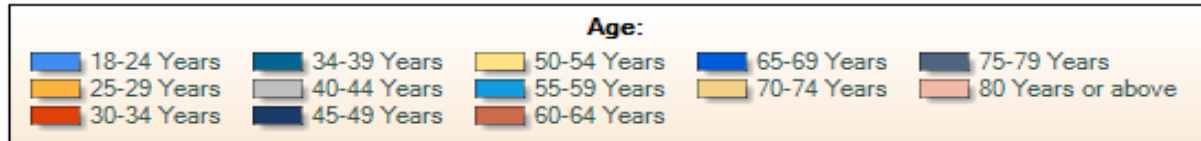
Reside in Household

Head of Household only: How many people currently reside in your household?

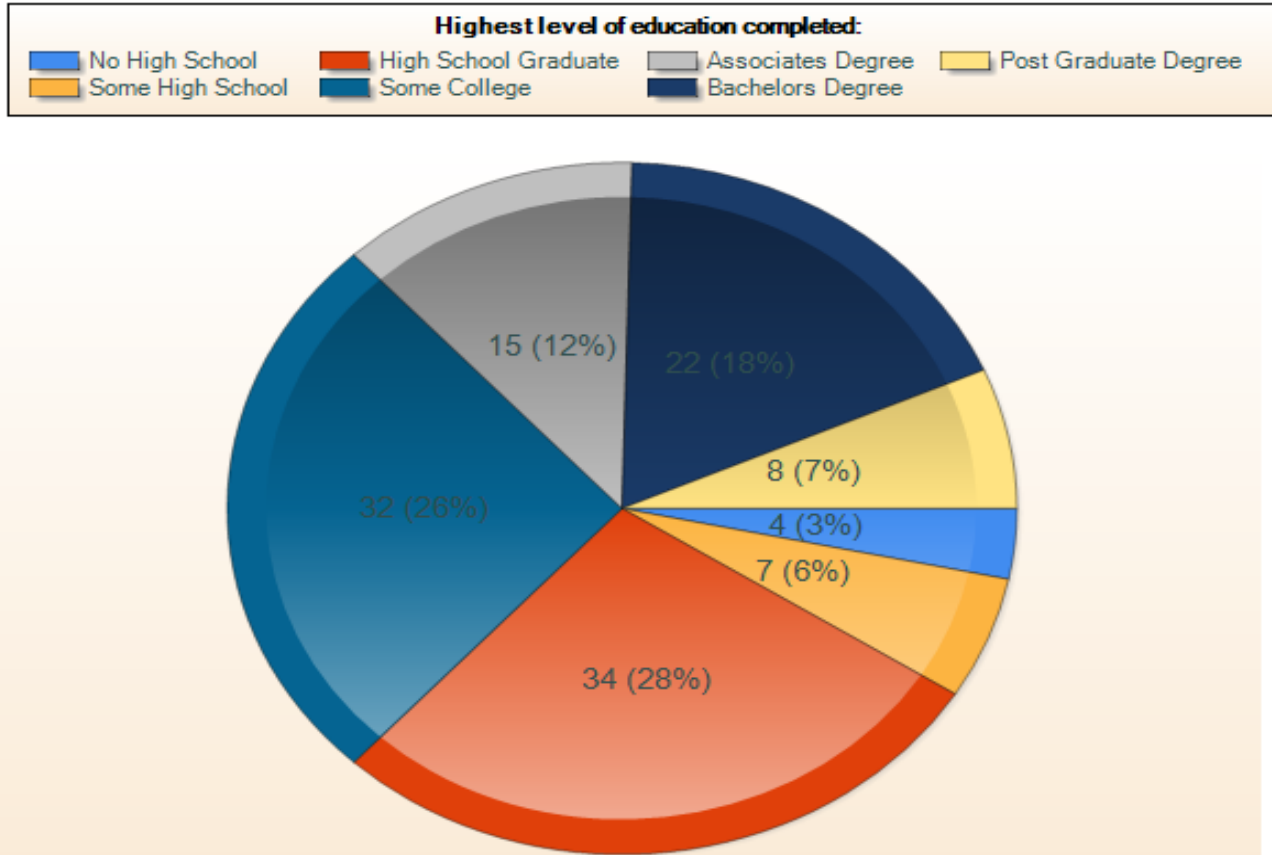
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Age Breakdown



Education Level

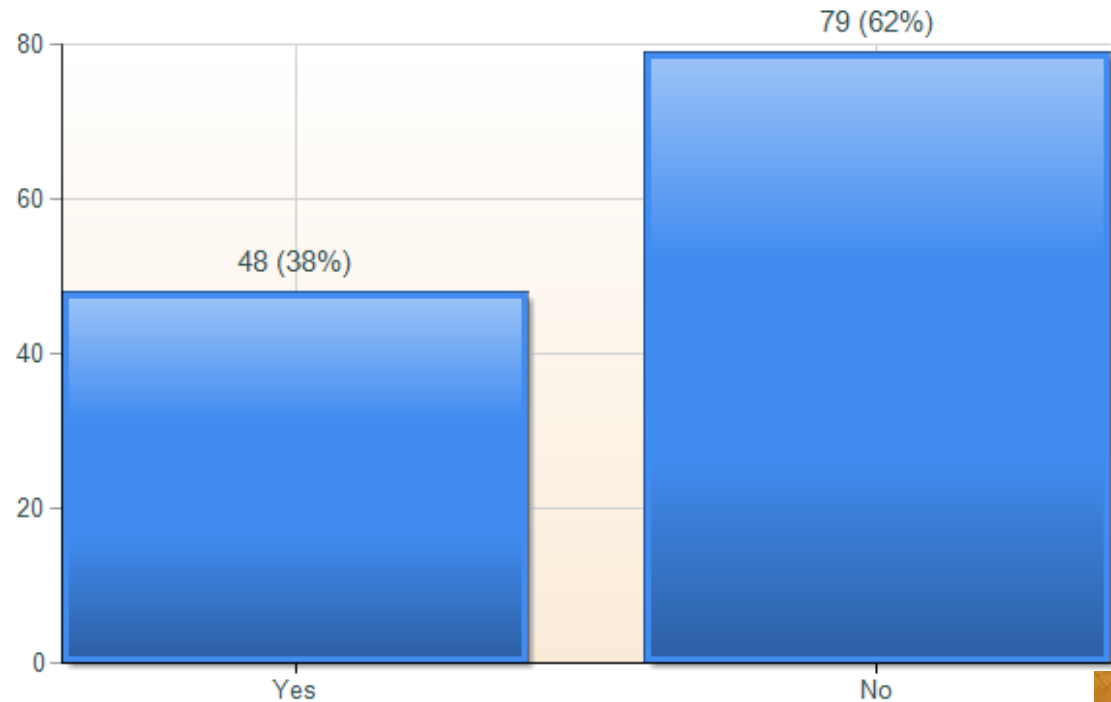




Blood Quantum

Do you feel there is a need to change the blood quantum requirement..?

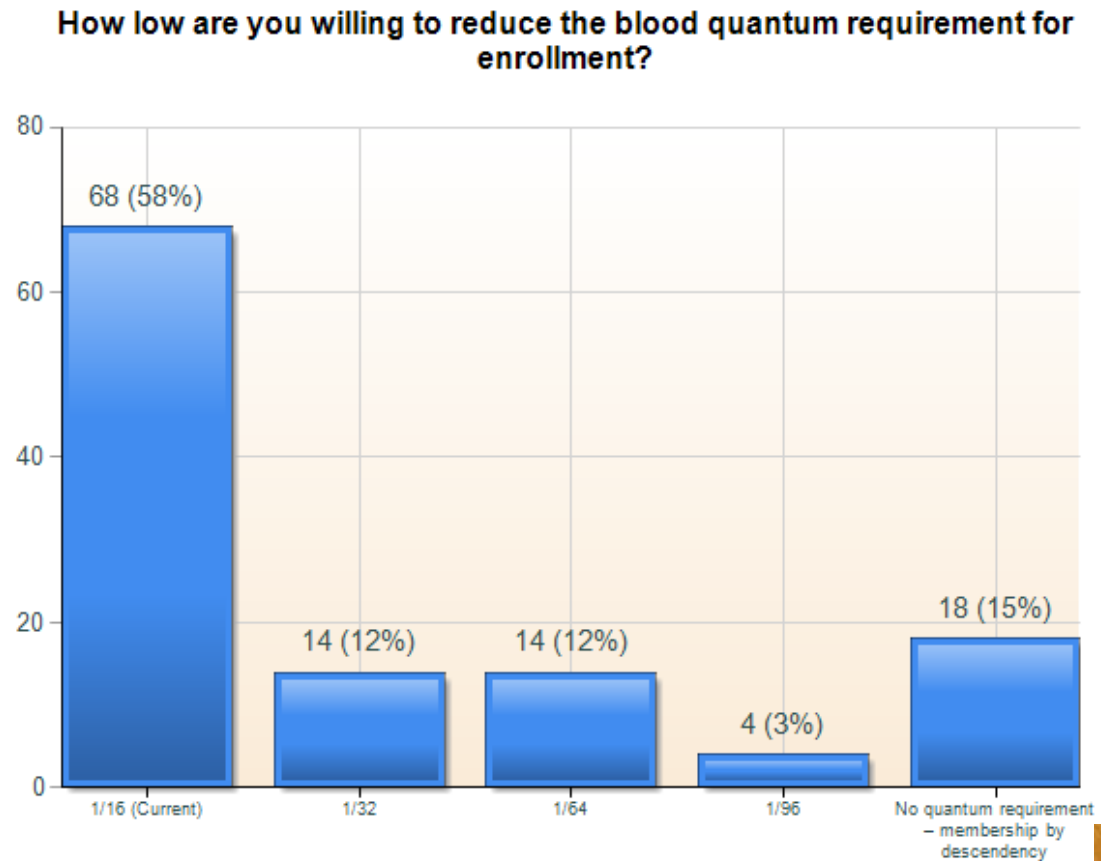
As the Tribal Constitution states, one must possess 1/16th or greater degree of Chitimacha Indian blood to qualify as an enrolled Chitimacha Tribal Member. As such, do you feel there is a need to change the blood quantum requirement for enrollment?



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How low are you willing to reduce the blood quantum..?



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Constitution

Other areas of the Chitimacha Constitution that should be changed?

- ❑ Many respondents are not familiar with or need a current copy of the constitution.
- ❑ Several did voice intended changes.
 - ❑ Mandatory drug testing for all council members
 - ❑ General reform of the Code of Ethics along with an established process for recall or impeachment of elected officials.





Cultural Preservation

Importance programs ensure preservation of our culture.

Top Priorities:

1. Teach history
2. Teach language
3. Art

Other Choices:

- ☐ Expand museum
- ☐ Traditional regalia
- ☐ Dancing





Program Service Levels & Satisfaction

Satisfaction level with programs

1. Tribal School (78%)
2. Fire Protection (72%)
3. Recreation (67%)
4. RiverCane (66%)
5. Scholarships (62%)
6. Law Enforcement (61%)
7. Healthcare (57%)
8. Child Development Center/Yaamahana (55%)
9. Courts (55%)
10. Social Services (54%)
11. Housing (51%)
12. Cultural Program (46%)

****Strongly satisfied and satisfied**



If gaming revenues were reduced, rank the order of importance

Top Priorities:

1. School (72%)
2. Healthcare (60%)
3. Scholarships (50%)
4. RiverCane (46%)
5. Child Development (45%)

Other Choices:

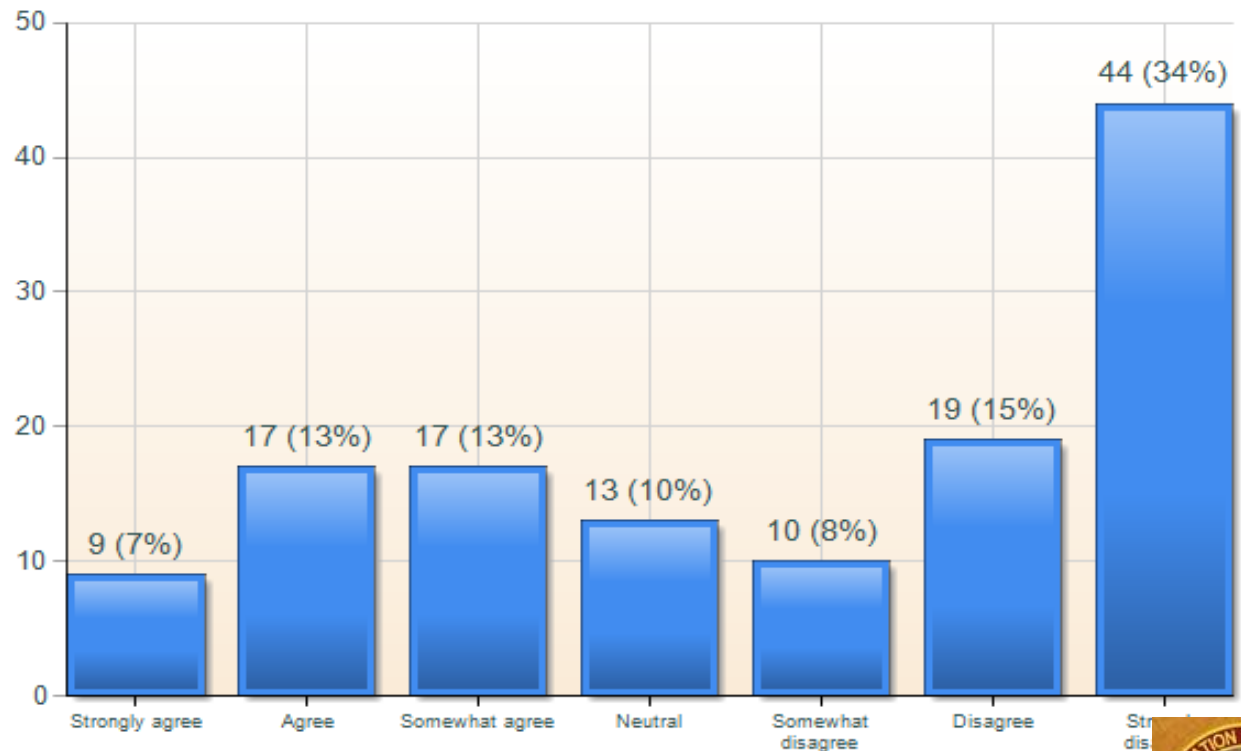
6. Law (37%)
7. Fire (32%)
8. Housing (20%)
9. Cultural (19%)
10. Courts (14%)
11. Social Services (10%)
12. Recreation (3%)

**** Very important and important**



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Program Service Levels

- ❑ Across the board, respondents do not want to reduce per capita to maintain service levels.
- ❑ Respondents are not enthusiastic about any sort of service reduction.
- ❑ There was no one program identified that could be readily reduced. (If there was one, perhaps recreation.)



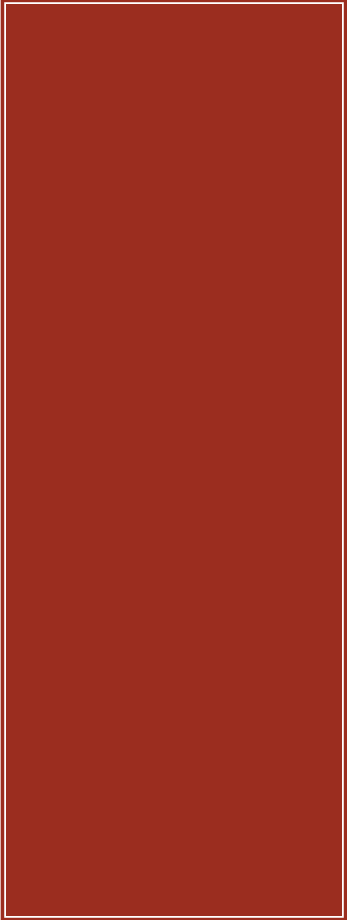


Healthcare Services

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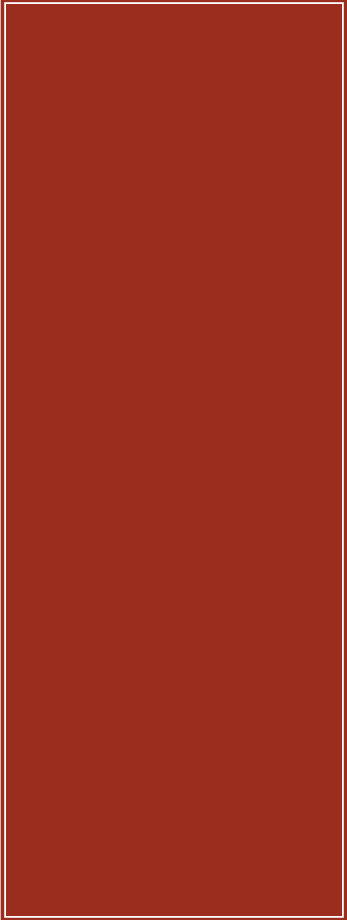
Satisfaction level with current healthcare operations.

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1. Dental (61%)
 2. Pharmacy (56%)
 3. Physician (53%)
 4. Dietetic (50%)
 5. Counseling (27%)

***Strongly satisfied and satisfied*



What should the order of priority for services be for the Health Program?

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1. Physician (91%)
 2. Pharmacy (51%)
 3. Dental (50%)
 4. Dietetic (3%)
 5. Counseling (3%)





Economic Factors

Gaming Operations Strengths

- ❑ Casino making money, providing income
- ❑ Reducing expenses (more efficient operations)
- ❑ Bringing money to the community that provides funding for other programs
- ❑ Also to note:
 - ❑ Casino does a good job of providing job opportunities and employment to the community.
 - ❑ Casino is doing a good job with advertising and promotion efforts and providing quality customer service.



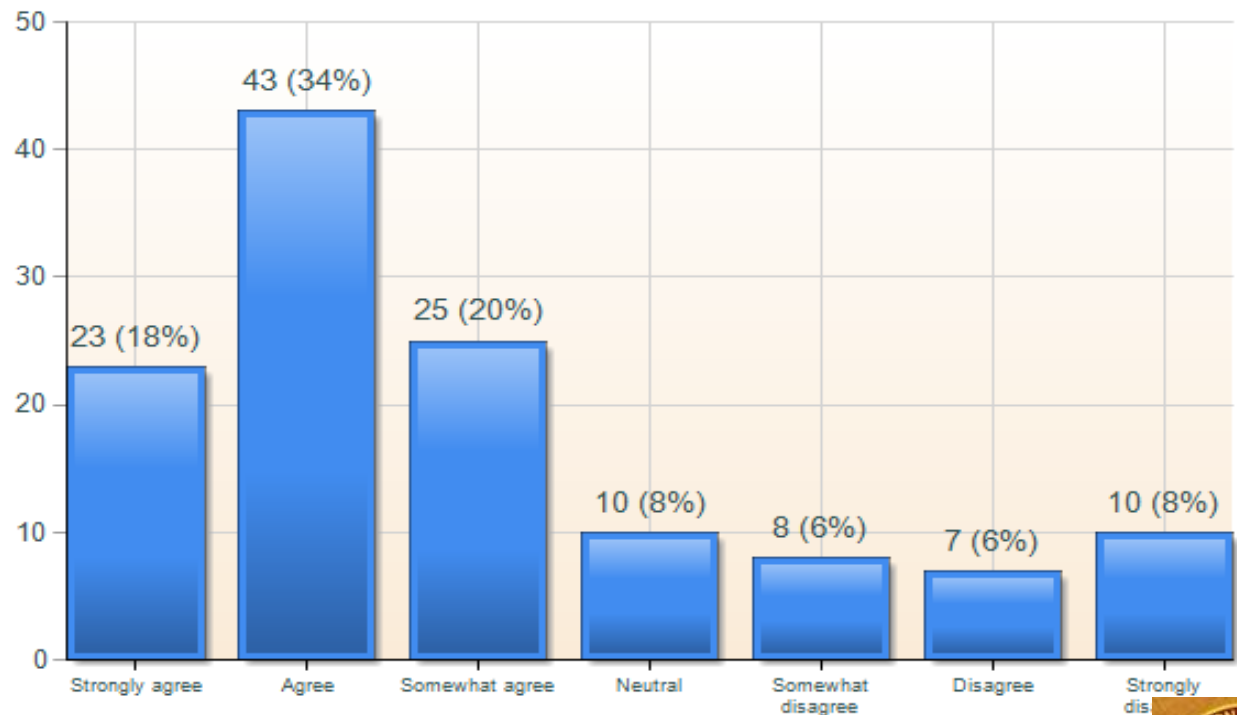
Gaming Operations Areas for Improvement

- ❑ Build a hotel
- ❑ Change the management/let management do its job
- ❑ Consistent restaurant hours of operation were also identified as an area of needed improvement.
- ❑ Better advertising and marketing of the gaming operations would benefit the enterprise along with a change in management.



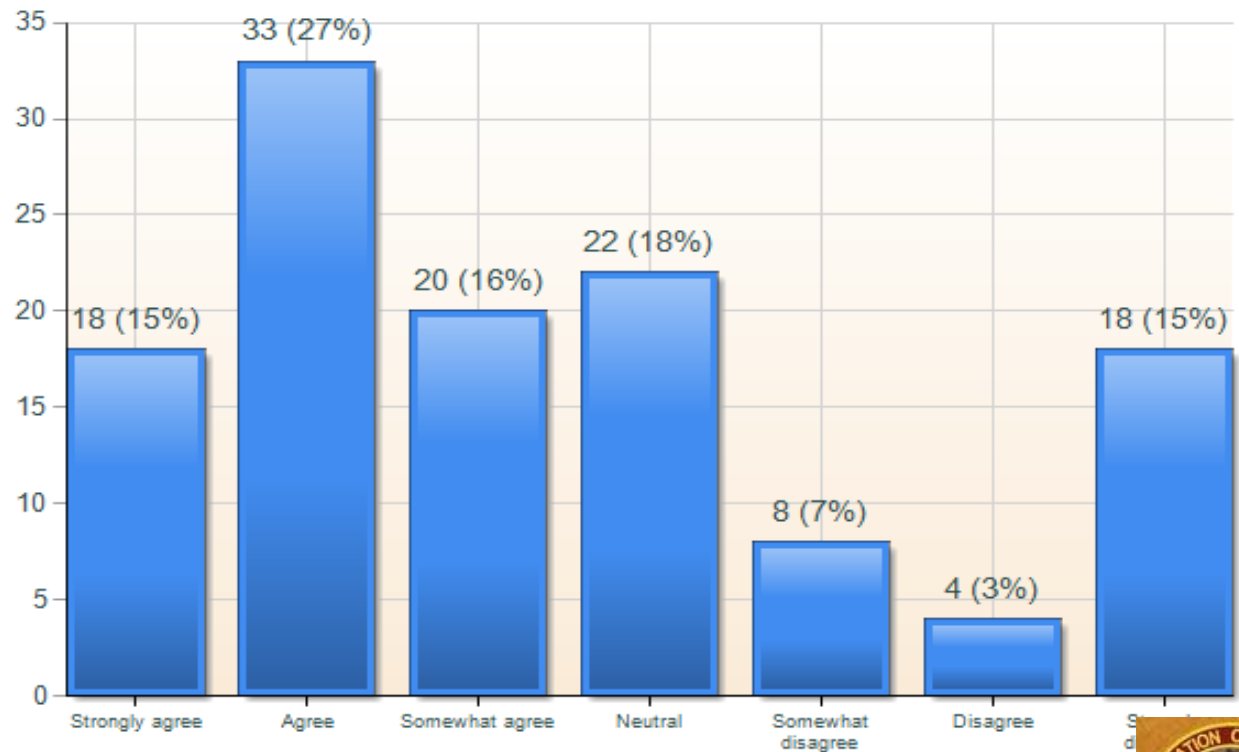
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I believe that with the contribution of gaming revenues, the Tribe is providing sufficient services to meet the needs of the Chitimacha membership.



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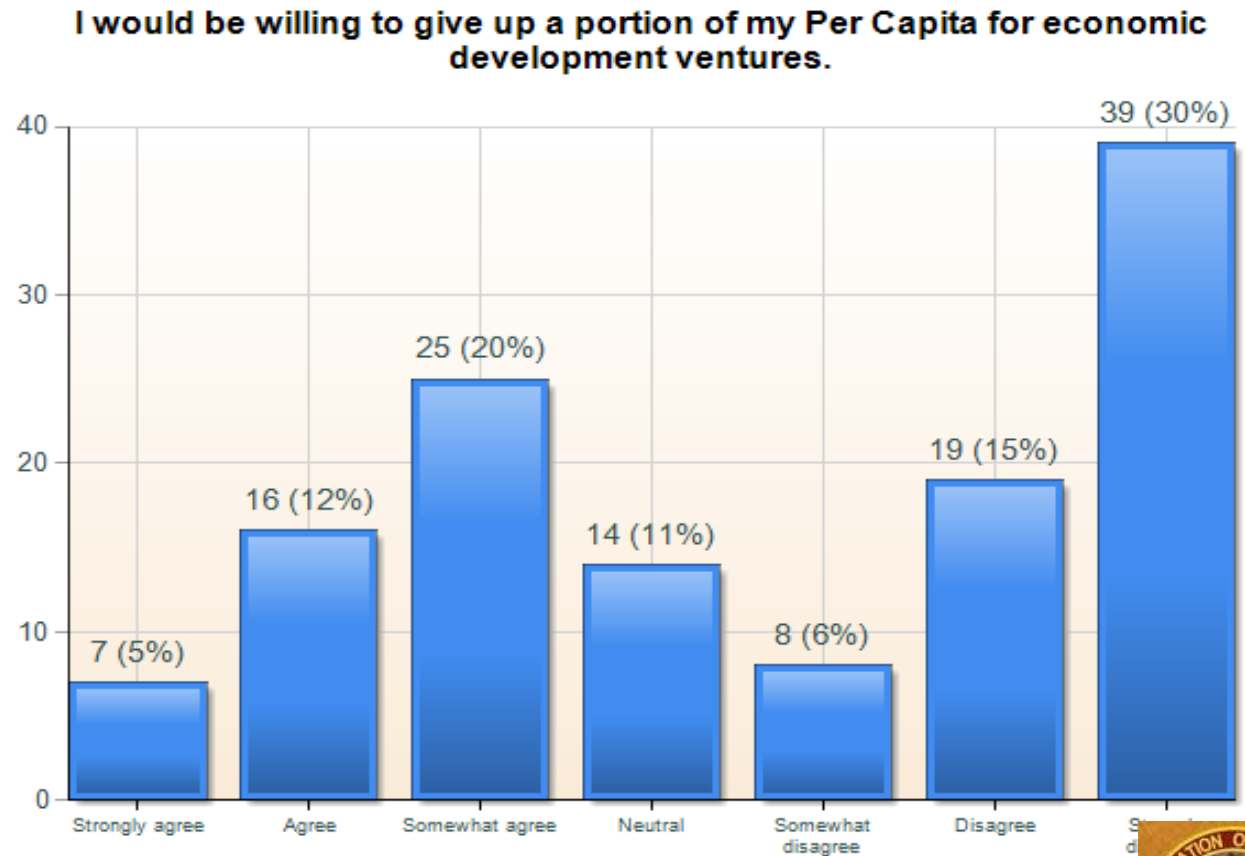
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I would give up a portion of my Per Capita for economic dev. ventures.



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What type of business or commercial activity should the Tribe evaluate?

- ☐ Hotel or lodging accommodations
- ☐ Explore partnerships with other successful enterprises
- ☐ Grocery store
- ☐ Family entertainment options
 - ☐ (i.e. a water park, movie theaters, golf course) for recreation in the area.





Summary

Main Themes

- ❑ No change to the blood quantum requirements
- ❑ Overall satisfaction with programs while maintaining current service levels
- ❑ Resistant to reducing per capita funding to maintain current service levels or invest in economic development
- ❑ Preservation/improvement/expansion of gaming operations



Main Themes (cont.)

- ❑ The need to improve the efficiency of tribal operations.
- ❑ Respondents are inconclusive about the need to do additional economic development.
- ❑ Respondents agree that we need to do something about our future, but most were not willing to invest in it.





Any Questions?

Thank you!